Town of South Hadley Appropriations Committee Meeting with South Hadley Public Schools

February 25, 2025



Chapter 70 State Aid + Local Taxes = Public Schools Budget

Sources of Local Income (Revenue)

Taxes

New Growth

Sources of Income (Revenue)

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education FY26 Chapter 70 Summary



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Aid Calculation FY26

Comparison to FY25

			FY25	FY26	Change	Pct Chg
Prior Year Aid		Enrollment	1,817	1,798	-19	-1.05%
1 Chapter 70 FY25	10,867,199	Foundation budget	26,078,106	26,607,493	529,387	2.03%
		Required district contribution	15,934,556	16,689,854	755,298	4.74%
Foundation Aid		Chapter 70 aid	10,867,199	11,002,049	134,850	1.24%
2 Foundation budget FY26	26,607,493	Required net school spending (NSS	26,801,755	27,691,903	890,148	3.32%
3 Required district contribution FY26	16,689,854					
4 Foundation aid (2 - 3)	9,917,639	Target aid share	36.55%	30.74%		
5 Increase over FY25 (4 - 1)	0	C70 % of foundation	41.67%	41.35%		
Minimum Aid		Required NSS % of foundation	102.77%	104.08%		
6 \$75 per pupil increase	134,850					
7 Minimum aid amount						
(if line 6 - line 5 > 0, then line 6 - line 5, otherwis	134,850					
Subtotal						
8 Sum of 1,5,7	11,002,049					

Unfixed Expenses

Town

- Health Insurance (\$1,000,000 increase)
- Retirement (\$500,000 increase)
- General Liability (\$75,000 increase)

Schools

- Out of District Tuition
- Yellow Bus Transportation
- Special Education Transportation
- Utilities
- Annual Renewal of Software
- Resource Renewals (Curriculum)
- Special Education Contracted Services



FY25

- Yellow Bus Transportation
 - o \$802,400
- Special Education Transportation
 - o **\$781,545**
- Utilities
 - o \$548,400
- Out of District Tuition
 - o **\$2,900,000**

FY26

- Yellow Bus Transportation
 - **\$847,062 (+\$45,000)**
- Special Education Transportation
 - \$1,900,000
- Utilities
 - o **\$593,360**
- Out of District Tuition
 - o \$2,900,000

Additional Challenges

Federal Funding

- Entitlement Grants-Title Grants and Special Education
 - o **\$1,000,000**
- Medicaid Reimbursements
 - o \$115,000
- School Breakfast/Lunch Reimbursements
 - o \$200,000



Fixed Income + Unfixed Expenses =

\$2.162 Million Deficit

